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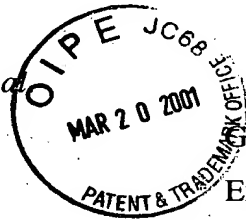
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For: GRANULES CONTAINING A PLANT SUBSTANCE AND
PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM



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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 20, 2001

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2000 ("Office Action"), in the above-identified application. A response is due on April 11, 2001, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the required fees. Although applicants believe that the amount of the attached check is correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1-20 and new claim 21, as indicated in the clean copy of the amended claims. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.

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